

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for selecting an item from a predetermined set of items, the apparatus comprising:

5 a user interface comprising an input having a plurality of actuators, and an output;

control means for controlling the user interface to provide a first menu selection comprising a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators; and

10 selection means responsive to operation of the actuators for selecting the item from the menu associated with the operated actuator;

wherein the control means controls the user interface to provide a further menu selection in response to selection of an item, at least one item of the further menu selection representing a subset of the selected item.

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2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input comprises key means.

3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein plurality of actuators of the key means are keys.

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4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input comprises a multipositional device.

5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input is a multipositional device.

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6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the multipositional device is a joystick.

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7. An apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

5 8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the further menu selection comprises less items than the number of actuators.

9. An apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control means controls the user interface such that the actuator operated has no item associated with  
10 it in the further menu selection.

10. An apparatus substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to, and/or as illustrated in, any one or any combination of the accompanying drawings.

15 11. A method for controlling a user interface to select an item from a predetermined set of items, the user interface comprising an input having a plurality of actuators, and an output; the method comprising:

controlling the user interface to provide a first menu selection  
20 comprising a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators;

in response to operation of the actuators, selecting the item from the menu associated with the operated actuator;

controlling the user interface to provide a further menu selection  
in response to selection of an item, at least one item of the further menu  
25 selection representing a subset of the selected item.

12. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the further menu selection comprises a plurality of items not exceeding the number of actuators.

30 13. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the further menu selection comprises less items than the number of actuators.

14. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein controlling the user interface such that the actuator operated has no item associated with it in the further menu selection.
- 5 15. A method for controlling a user interface to select an item from a predetermined set of items, the user interface comprising an input having a plurality of actuators, and an output, the method substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to, and/or as illustrated in, any one or any combination of the accompanying drawings.